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RUEHN/DEA WASHDC//OI/OC/OC SNOWCAP//
RUCBLBA/USCG IMLET PORTSMOUTH VA
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC//ISA-IA/SO-LIC//
RUEDEEA/COGARDCOMLANTAREA NEW YORK//AO/AO/AI//
RUEHCV/AMEMBASSY CARACAS 8775
RUEHBO/AMEMBASSY BOGOTA 4391
RUEHQT/AMEMBASSY QUITO 3657
RUEHPE/AMEMBASSY LIMA 5353
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RUEKJCS/JCS WASHDC//J3-CNOD//
RUEADWW/NSC WASHDC
RUWMEGA/NSWUEIGHT RODMAN NS PM
RUCOSYA/SPECBOATU TWO-SIX RODMAN PM
RULYSHH/COMNAVSPCWARGRUTWO NORFOLK VA//N2/N3//
RUCOSYA/CINCLANTFLT DET SO FT AMADOR PM//N3/N5//
RUCBSAA/CINCLANTFLT NORFOLK VA//N5//
RUWMEGA/USCINCSO HOWARD AFB PM//SCJ3-DDD/
RHLBAAA/USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM//DJTF/SCJ5/SCCG//
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TAGS: SNAR, BL

SUBJECT: WATERWAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT (WLE) PROGRAM

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SUMMARY

1. THE WLE PROGRAM ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1992 IS AS FOLLOWS:

I.TASK FORCES --	OPS SORTIES/ HRS	TRNG HOURS	LOGTS SORTIES	MAINT DAYS
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TRINIDAD	45/1224	864	2	54
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PUERTO VILLARROEL	36/140	00	1	45
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RIBERALTA	32/1776	00	0	50
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GUAYARAMERIN	107/2304	00	0	88
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SUPPORT VESSELS

MS-341	1/168	0	0	23
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MS-223	2/312	0	0	18
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IS-224	2/312	0	0	18
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SALVIA	0/00	0	0	03
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II. EMPLOYMENT MISSIONS

TASK FORCES --	BOARDINGS	BLOCKADES	LAND INSERTS	LISTENING OPS
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TRINIDAD	24	53	80	42
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PUERTO VILLARROEL	31	46	65	39
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RIBERALTA	33	18	46	11
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GUAYARAMERIN	52	25	144	6
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(NOTE: TASK FORCE STATISTICS ARE TOTALS FOR ALL PATROL BOATS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE BASES DENOTED. OPERATIONS MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITHIN THE INDICATED BASE'S AREA OF OPERATION. OPERATING HOUR AND SORTIE STATISTICS REPORTED ABOVE DO NOT INCLUDE ZODIAC AND CANOE OPERATIONS WHICH WERE CONSIDERABLE DURING THE PERIOD.)

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR WLE PROGRAM AS REPORTED BY

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DEA SNOWCAP:

BASE LAB	02
PASTE LAB	03
POZO PIT	07
AGUA RICA	145 LTS
DIESEL	300 LTS
LIME	335 KGS
SODIUM BICARBONATE	05 KGS
SULFURIC ACID	05 LTS

2. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BOLIVIAN WLE TASK FORCE (RTF) AS OF MAY 31, 1992:

TASK FORCES	OFFICIALS	SUB-OFFICIALS	SERGEANTS
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TRINIDAD RTF HDQTS	04	04	00
TRINIDAD	04	07	01
PUERTO VILLARROEL	04	04	04
RIBERALTA	04	03	05
GUAYARAMERIN	06	04	08
SUPPORT VESSELS	04	03	03

3. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

(A) WLE FORCES CONTINUED TO FOCUS A MAJORITY OF THEIR RESOURCES AND EFFORTS ON OPERATION GHOST ZONE DURING THE PERIOD. UTILIZING THE TWO, SEMI-PERMANENT, FORWARD OPERATING BASES (FOB'S) LOCATED WITHIN THE CHAPARE REGION, WLE FORCES EFFECTIVELY CLOSED DOWN THE RIVERS IN THIS REGION AS A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR NARCO-TRAFFICKERS. THIS MONTH'S TOTAL OF 6,144 PATROL BOAT HOURS IS THE HIGHEST TOTAL EVER ACHIEVED AND REFLECTS THE AMOUNT OF EFFORT PUT FORTH BY WLE FORCES. ALMOST 100 PERCENT OF ALL AVAILABLE WLE FORCE WERE EMPLOYED TO EXECUTE THIS HIGH PRIORITY MISSION. OPERATIONAL ASSETS AND PERSONNEL FROM THE RIBERALTA AND GUAYARAMERIN BASES CONTINUED THEIR DEPLOYMENT IN THE GHOST ZONE OPERATIONAL AREA TO AUGMENT EXISTING

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FORCES FROM THE TRINIDAD AND PUERTO VILLARROEL BASES. IN ADDITION TO BARRIER PATROL OPERATIONS FROM THE TWO NEW FOB'S, DAILY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE RIVER SYSTEMS WITHIN THE OPERATING AREA USING BOTH SMALL PATROL BOATS (22'S), ZODIACS, AND INDIGENOUS CANOES. ALL MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE TRINIDAD BASE WITH TWO SUPPORT VESSELS (MS-223 AND MS-224) CONDUCTING CREW/BOAT SWAP OUTS AND REPROVISIONING OF FOOD, FUEL, AND OTHER NECESSARY SUPPLIES. AS THE WATER LEVEL OF THE RIVERS BEGINS TO RECEDE, WLE FORCES ASSIGNED TO OPERATION GHOST ZONE WILL SWITCH TO LIGHTER, SHALLOWER DRAFT CANOES TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS AT EXERTING A LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE. PATROL BOATS FROM THE GUAYARAMERIN AND RIBERALTA BASES WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR HOME BASES.

(B) TWELVE POTENTIAL CAPTAIN OF THE PORT (COTP) LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND WILL BE SURVEYED IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. AS AGREED TO BY THE BOLIVIAN NAVY, THESE COTP'S WILL REPORT OPERATIONALLY THROUGH THE WLE TASK GROUP AS PART OF THE SPECIAL FORCE FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCO-TRAFFICKING (FELCN) ORGANIZATION, NOT THROUGH REGULAR NAVY CHANNELS. THE BOLIVIAN NAVY HAS ALSO AGREED TO STAFF THESE COTP'S WITH TWO NAVY OFFICERS EACH. PROCUREMENT WORK HAS BEEN INITIATED TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR THESE COTP'S AND A COMMAND CENTER IN TRINIDAD.

(C) NAS-FUNDED PROJECT WORK ON THE MS-103, "COMANDANTE ARANDIA," CONTINUED TO PROGRESS THROUGH THE MONTH. ITS PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE IS 15 JULY

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1992. THIS STEEL HULLED VESSEL, WHICH WILL BE HOMEPORTED IN RIBERALTA, WILL BE THIS TASK FORCE'S SUPPORT VESSEL ON THE BENI AND MADRE DE DIOS RIVER SYSTEMS. BECAUSE OF LEGAL RESTRICTIONS, NAS-FUNDED LEASES ON THE TASK FORCE'S OFFICE AND BOAT MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN TRINIDAD WERE CANCELLED. DEA IS FUNDING THESE LEASES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL NEW FACILITIES ARE CONSTRUCTED IN TRINIDAD WITH MILGP CONSTRUCTION MONIES (NOTE: DEA CANCELLED THE LEASE ON THEIR MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN TRINIDAD AND MOVED ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT INTO THE TASK FORCE'S BOAT MAINTENANCE FACILITY). THE BOLIVIAN NAVY HAS AGREED TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE FACILITIES ON THEIR BASE IN TRINIDAD.

(D) U.S. COAST GUARD MEMBERS OF DEA SNOWCAP, WHO WERE DEPLOYED TO THE TRINIDAD AND CHIMORE BASES, OVERSAW OPERATIONS COORDINATION AND EXECUTION OF THE WLE PORTION OF OPERATION GHOST ZONE IN ADDITION TO THEIR

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CONTINUED INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING EFFORTS. THEY CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 11.5 DAYS OF TRAINING DURING THE MONTH WITH BOLIVIAN NAVY AND UMOPAR. INSTRUCTION INCLUDED: DECK SEAMANSHIP AND BOAT HANDLING, SMALL ARMS MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES, PATROL BOAT POWERPLANT TROUBLE SHOOTING, AND ENGINEERING REPAIR FACILITY PROCEDURES.

(E) U.S. NAVY MTT MEMBERS WERE DEPLOYED TO THE TRINIDAD BASE DURING THE PERIOD. THEY CONDUCTED TRAINING FOR BOTH BOLIVIAN NAVY AND UMOPAR. UMOPAR TRAINING INCLUDED: PISTOL AND RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP, FIRE AND MOVEMENT, INSTINCTIVE FIRE, AND PATROL FORMATIONS. BOLIVIAN NAVY TRAINING INCLUDED: PATROL FORMATIONS AND TACTICS, FIRING MANEUVERS, STATIC SHOOT, AND LIVE FIRE EXERCISE.

(F) THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF FROM SPECIAL BOAT UNIT TWENTY-SIX VISITED BOLIVIA DURING THE PERIOD TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH BOLIVIAN WLE PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON HOW SBU-26 COULD BETTER SUPPORT THE WLE PROGRAM AND WHAT SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE THROUGH THEIR COMMAND AND NAVSCIATTS.

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